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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AS TO REQUIRED USE OF AMERICAN-  
FLAG BOTTOMS FOR EXIMBANK FINANCED CARGO

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT IN EXIMBANK LOAN AGREEMENTS THAT SHIPMENTS OF EXIMBANK-FINANCED CARGO BE CARRIED ON US-FLAG BOTTOMS. QUESTION POSED IS WHETHER TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION BETWEEN US AND NICARAGUA AND/OR OTHER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WOULD SANCTION USE OF NICARAGUAN-FLAG VESSELS IN LIEU OF, OR AS WELL AS, US-FLAG SHIPS FOR SUCH SHIPMENTS.

2. FOLLOW-UP QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH SHIPMENT OF SUCH EXIMBANK-FINANCED CARGO FROM US PORTS WHICH DO NOT PROVIDE SERVICE TO NICARAGUAN PORTS WITHOUT TRANSSHIPMENT. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION TO USE OTHER THAN US-FLAG VESSELS IN SUCH INSTANCES?

3. EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT THE AFORE-CITED TREATY ACCORDS NICARAGUAN-FLAG VESSELS EQUAL STATUS WITH US FLAG VESSELS FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF EXIMBANK SHIPMENTS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS, AS WELL AS ANSWER TO OTHER QUESTION.  
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